

A CLUE TO CRIPPEN AT LAST

**DIETPEL POLICE TELL LONDON
HE WAS THERE TUESDAY.**

Favorite Theory Now Is That He Is Disguised as a Woman—Father of Miss Le Neve Appeals to Her to Surrender to Authorities of the London Officials.

Special to the Sun from London, July 18.—A despatch to the Daily Mirror from Paris states that the police have notified Scotland Yard that Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve arrived at Dieppe on July 12 and took a train for Paris.

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WHAT DOES "WANT" MEAN?

**Chancery Court Asked to Define the Verb
When Its Subject Is Feminine.**

The meaning of the word "want" in the will of the late William P. Coffin of Newark, who died eight years ago, has caused a break between the widow, Anna P. Coffin, who is the chief beneficiary, and the executors and trustees of the estate. In consequence of the differences Mrs. Coffin has appealed to the New Jersey Chancery Court to place a judicial construction on the meaning of the word.

If the court should uphold Mrs. Coffin's contention she will be entitled to all of the income from the Coffin estate during her life. If the court should decide against her she will be content with whatever the executors and trustees think is sufficient suitably to maintain her, the remainder of the income being added to the residue of the estate.

The clause in which the troublesome word appears in the will directs the executors and trustees to pay to Mrs. Coffin during her life "such sums of money as she may want or require for her comfortable support and maintenance."

The executors and trustees, William W. Watson and Philip G. Coffin of Passaic and George L. Coffin of New York, have on hand about \$60,000 in interest and Mrs. Coffin wants it. The executors and trustees don't think she needs it and have refused to give it to her.

Besides the widow there are two children, Earl P. and Anna M. Coffin, surviving the testator. Provision was made in the will for their support and education during their minority, and both are to receive \$5,000 on their twenty-first, twenty-fifth and thirtieth birthdays, or \$15,000 each in all. They also share the residue after their mother's death.

The testator was a well known Newark business man.

CANNON IN POOR HEALTH.
Speaker Hopes to Do Some Stamping in Kansas.

WINFIELD, Kan., July 17.—Speaker Cannon left here to-day apparently in his usual health for Emporia, where he will speak to-morrow. He said that after speaking at Emporia he would fill two other dates as scheduled in Congressman Miller's district, after which the condition of the weather and his health would determine his future actions. He expressed a desire to make two or three speeches in Congressman Calderhead's district and said that if the weather became cooler and his condition warranted he would do so, but if there was no change for the better after filling these dates in Congressman Miller's district he would go direct to his home in Danville, Ill.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—White Busby, secretary to the Speaker, received a telegram from Mr. Cannon to-night. Mr. Cannon said that he had entirely recovered from the "slight indisposition" of yesterday. He said that he intended to make speeches in Kansas to-morrow and Tuesday. Mr. Cannon will then go to his home in Danville, Ill. On August 1 he will go to Mackinac, Mich., accompanied by former Senator McKim of Indiana and Representative McKinley of Illinois for a vacation of a month or more.

Just what part Speaker Cannon will take in the coming Congress campaign has not yet been determined. During his stay at Mackinac he will discuss the subject with Representative McKinley, who is chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee. The chances are that the Speaker will take an active part in the campaign, limiting his activities, however, to regular strongholds.

GASOLINE WAR IN MONTICELLO.
Rival Dealers Have Cut the Price Down to One Cent a Gallon.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., July 17.—Automobiles are buying gasoline in Monticello, Sullivan county, to-day at one cent a gallon. For the past week two gasoline retailers, R. S. Turner and Floyd Brown, have been conducting a gasoline war, each day giving the consumer gasoline a cent lower. This morning a large sign informed the public that Turner was selling gasoline at seven cents a gallon. Brown immediately reduced his price to five cents and Turner then dropped to the unprecedented figure of one cent a gallon.

The news of the fight has been carried over the adjoining country by autoists and there has been a steady stream of machines carrying away the cheap gasoline all day. Brown says he may decide to give away gasoline to-morrow in order to have the lowest price. If he does Turner probably will pay people for taking it. Gasoline costs dealers 13 cents a gallon and Brown will prove an expensive water pitcher by the time it is finished.

WATER PITCHER FROM ABOVE.
Mrs. Hughes Threw It to Help Her Husband Struggle With Robbers.

On his way home early yesterday morning Capt. Thomas Hughes of 99 First avenue, skipper of a coal barge which was sunk Saturday afternoon in a collision with the Thomas F. Brennan in the East River, was set upon by three men. Mrs. Hughes heard the sounds of battle and opening the window threw a massive water pitcher which she says struck one of the three robbers.

Capt. Hughes, battered and with his right arm in a sling, went to the East River thirty-first street police station and gave a graphic account of what had happened. Policemen Cleary and Lorenz went out and arrested John Carr, one of 99 First avenue, and James Corcoran, formerly known as Mouse Corcoran. Hughes said they were two of the three.

BOMB IN ITALIAN TENEMENT.
Shatters Windows and Causes Tenants to Tumble From Beds—No Injuries.

A bomb was exploded early yesterday morning in the hallway of a three story house at 327 East New York avenue, Brooklyn, in the Italian colony. There was no hurt. The explosion was caused by the police of the Brownsville station thinking the bomb was thrown in the hallway in an endeavor to kill either Pietro Bruno, a grocer, or Dominick Cantone, a shoemaker, whose stores are on the main floor. A large hole was blown in the hall floor, the walls were shattered and windows in the building and other structures were broken.

The Bruno and Cantone families were hurled from their beds and there was a panic-stricken rush by hundreds of families to the street.

LINER BUMPS A FISHERMAN

**PLACID GLOUCESTER SKIPPER
DIDN'T MIND IT MUCH.**

His Business Was Fishing and He Kept Hard at It When the Cleveland Cleared Back to See If He Was Still Afloat After the Whack He Got in the Fog.

These are perilous days for Gloucester men, as the fog extends even down below Nantucket, and the liners are running almost as thick as cod. Weather, which the fishermen reckon little of even in the March tumults, is severe enough in mid-July, the West India hurricanes being yet in leash in their lairs down near the Belt of Calmes. But the fishermen fear fog in the steamship track, where they often go to drag their fortunes from the deep, more than they do the lashing of the tempests in which they are used to handle their stout little ships. When a liner hits a fishing schooner there is usually mourning in Gloucester. It was only by a matter of mere inches that the little Reliance of Gloucester was not spitted on the bow of the Hamburg-American liner Cleveland, in yesterday morning from Hamburg.

The Cleveland passed Nantucket lightship at 1:20 P. M. on Saturday and at 3 o'clock, far out of the usual course of fishermen, while she was going at half speed and blowing her fog whistle, discovered the Reliance, jogging under a jumbo job and reduced mainsail. A small schooner in a fog, although the fog may not be opaque enough to conceal the surface of an untruffled sea, is pretty hard to find from the bridge of a big liner, particularly when she materializes from the gloom directly off the towering bows that lie to hide her. Chief Officer Redford Kruse, in charge of the bridge, saw the Reliance off the port bow in time to swing the ship far enough to starboard to miss cutting the fisherman down. But there was a bump that startled the passengers below and on deck.

The latter ran over to the port side and Chief Officer Kruse ran to the port end of the bridge. What they saw sent their hearts into their mouths. The Reliance was scraping alongside of the great ship and her skipper and a member of the crew, supposedly the cook, who had leaped aft and jumped into the sea under the belief that the schooner was bound for Davy Jones, were climbing into the dory that was trailing astern from a long painter. As the Cleveland went slowly ahead the mainmast of the Reliance speared the emergency lifeboat, swung out on the davits on the port quarter of the liner.

Miss Gertrude Renssion, the opera singer, who was sitting on the boat deck reading a book, did not suppose the bump meant anything and went on reading. The ship swung then, and the steamer of black smoke that had been flowing on the other side of the ship and away from Miss Renssion enveloped her. She dropped her book and ran across the deck with what had been a white shirtwaist now in deep mourning. After wiping the soot from her eyes she also saw the fisherman, then just vanishing into the fog astern. Everybody noted that there were no dories on deck and inferred that the crew of the schooner were out at the travels.

Capt. Dempsell was not sure that he had not made a hole in the fisherman that might send her to the bottom and he decided to pick her up if possible. He cruised around two hours, the whole ship's company helping with marine and opera glasses and just plain keen eyes, peering all around the compass to find the fisherman. The skipper saw her first and later the passengers had a chance to look at her close by. There appeared to be nothing the matter with her except a cracked tompost and that is one of the ways the skipper made sure that he was not giving some other fisherman than the one that made him halt two hours on his voyage.

What surprised the passengers as well as the skipper was the placidity with which the schooner's skipper viewed his mishap and the difference in appearance. Her decks seemed to be swarming with men who were mightily busy cleaning a giant catch of glimmering fish. The dories had all come in and made fast. The transformation had taken only two hours. Doubtless all hands had heard the whistles of the Cleveland screaming and had paid little attention to them. When a quarter of a ship's length from the schooner Capt. Dempsell hailed her through his silver speaking trumpet. (He's got a plain megaphone, too, but he probably thought the occasion was worthy the display of the gleaming trumpet.) In good English he shouted:

"Who are you?"

The skipper of the schooner then spoke in a soiled megaphone answered quite cheerily. "The Reliance of Gloucester."

"Are you all right?"

The fisherman's skipper had inverted his speaking cone and put the little end to his ear to catch the trumpet's message. He paused a bit before he answered. "We are all here."

That is what the Cleveland's commander wanted to hear and he felt so good about it that he shouted back in German, forgetting for a moment that that was not the language of the Reliance.

"Quite right!"

The passengers were thronging the rails waved hands, handkerchiefs, hats and opera and marine glasses and also gave the Reliance a good-by and good luck. Then the Cleveland went on her course.

MONORAIL ROAD REPAIRED.
Should Be Going Again by Thursday—Coroner Shrugged Opposed.

Bion L. Barrows, president of the Monorail Company, a car of which went off the track on Saturday half a mile east of Bortow station, went to the place yesterday with a gang of fourteen workmen. They righted the car, but it on the track and strengthened and fixed up the roadbed. The car will be taken back to-day to its farm to be repaired. The company expects to have the road going again by Thursday.

Coroner Jacob Shrugger of the Bronx made an examination of the whole line yesterday and said that to-day he would write to President Willcox of the Public Service Commission to say that the railroad was fit and safe for carrying passengers.

DEAD PILOT STEERED SHIP.
Southern Pacific Boat Collided With Pier, Then With Steamship.

NEW ORLEANS, July 17.—The big transatlantic boat of the Southern Pacific, the Barrier, while crossing the Mississippi this morning ran into the New Orleans dry dock and then crashed against the steamship Moore.

A deckhand rushed to the pilot house to see what was the cause of this reckless steering and found the pilot, Capt. Albert W. Averill, dead but still grasping the steering wheel.

Capt. Averill was a native of Dresden, Me., and had for forty years been a pilot at New Orleans.

LIKE "A TELEPHONE"

**Drug Clerk's Cries While Being Beaten
Come Through Transmitter.**

For several months Philip Benby, an orderly, and Rudolph Navarritt, an assistant drug clerk at the Flower Hospital dispensary were on bad terms. Benby is large and strong. He served in the British army before coming to America, he said. On July 3 Benby was discharged.

Last night he made up his mind that Navarritt was responsible for his discharge and decided to call him to account. Navarritt was alone in the dispensary when Benby got there. The ex-orderly sailed into him. Navarritt called for help but no one was near enough to help him. Finally the drug clerk got to the telephone and succeeded in taking down the receiver. Benby was at him again before he could say anything.

Dr. Frank was at the switchboard in the administration building of the hospital. Frank could hear just the faintest sound of smashing furniture and occasionally a cry from Navarritt. He knew that something was wrong and soon had half a dozen internes and orderlies hurrying over to the dispensary building.

They found Navarritt lying on the floor badly hurt and out up. Benby dashed off down the street as soon as he heard somebody coming.

Policeman Lay of the East Sixty-seventh street station saw Benby coming and stopped him to find out what was the matter. A doctor came out to complain about him and Benby was locked up in the station house. He said that he was 25 years old and lived at 421 East Sixty-third street. Navarritt was patched up and sent home.

MILLION FOR A LITTLE CREDIT.
Man Who Trusted Transmitter for Horse Feed Inherits An Oil Strike.

McDONALD, Pa., July 17.—Word came from Texas to-day that the will of John Ennis, who recently died at Corpus Christi, leaves all his estate, valued at \$1,000,000, to his wife during her life and at her death it is to be equally divided between Boyce Rankin and his wife, Nancy Ferguson Rankin.

This uncovers a romantic tale of the McDonald oil fields of twenty years ago. Jack Ennis, who has just died worth a million, was then a very poor teamster in the oil fields. He was a teamster without credit.

Rankin, who was clerk in a feed store, took pity on Ennis and extended him credit for horse feed at a time when credit was needed. Ennis declared he would make Rankin his heir for this, and some time later he struck oil on his own account and with a small fortune rushed to the then opening Beaumont oil fields in Texas, where he quadrupled his money and retired to Corpus Christi, building an immense pleasure resort hotel and bathing pavilion.

In the meantime Rankin, still a poor clerk, had married Nancy Ferguson, a young friend of Mrs. Ennis, and two years later Ennis came North and found Rankin at Cambridge City, Ind., and offering him double salary and a life position if he would take charge of his Corpus Christi business interests quickly carried the Rankin family off to Texas, where they have since been.

Rankin is to be employed at a large salary during the life of Mrs. Ennis taking care of the Ennis business interests.

IMMUNITY FOR REEF MEN.
Men Lower Down to Go Free For Telling on Those Higher Up.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Fifty subpoenas will be served to-morrow morning on officers and employees of meat concerns in Packington to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in the Beef Trust investigation.

It was said to-day that the Government plans to extend immunity to a number of the officials in exchange for the evidence they may be able to give. Who these officials are was not made public.

It is known that subpoenas have been issued for Lemuel B. Patterson, vice-president of the National Packing Company; Alonzo N. Benn, a director; Ralph Cross, general counsel; Arthur Colby, assistant treasurer; C. G. Snow, secretary; William E. Webster, general auditor, and J. J. Risch, assistant general manager.

In summoning these officials it is shown that the Government does not care for the names unless those gathered in the net are the men high up to give. Judge Landis in his instructions to the jury asserted that only the real malefactors, if such exist, should be dealt with.

DREAM HE WAS IN AIRSHIP.
Crippen Thoroughly Walked off the Roof and Broke His Arm.

YONKERS, July 17.—Harry Crippen, aged 28, fell 75 feet from the roof of his home, 18 Clinton street, early this morning. He went on the roof for a nap and falling asleep he dreamed that he was in an airship. While in this state he walked off the roof.

Patrolman Larry Ahearn came upon the unconscious body of Crippen some time after his plunge and he summoned an ambulance from St. Joseph's Hospital. Shortly after his admission to the hospital Crippen returned to consciousness. From an examination by Dr. Robert Malcolm it was found that except for a fracture of the left arm and bruising on the body Crippen escaped without injuries.

Crippen was an aviation enthusiast. Last night he confided to his wife that his ambition was to fly some day. All his idle moments he occupied in reading the accounts of aviation. The day of the Curtiss flight from Albany Crippen sat up on the roof of his house for hours before Curtiss was due to pass this city.

MRS. WANSTALL FOUND DEAD.
Coroner Orders an Autopsy in a New Rochelle Case That Puzzles Him.

MONT VERNON, N. Y., July 17.—Coroner Boedeker of Mount Vernon is so much puzzled over the cause of the sudden death of Mrs. Josephine Wanstall, who was found dead in bed in her home at 18 Altha place, New Rochelle, this morning, that he has ordered an autopsy performed.

Mrs. Wanstall is the wife of W. S. Wanstall, a New York importer, now in California. When she retired on Saturday night she had a slight headache. When she failed to appear at the breakfast table a maid went to her room and found her dead. Her hands were tightly clasped together in an unusual manner. The coroner could find nothing to indicate that she had committed suicide.

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wanstall went to a New York theatre and when they returned home they found that their baby boy had accidentally knocked over a gas heater and had been asphyxiated. Ever since then the mother had given up smoking.

TAFT NOT MAKING PLATFORMS

**WILL LET STATE CONVENTIONS
SPEAK IN THEIR OWN WAY.**

Will Not Act as Arbitrator of Factional Disputes and Will Pick No Administration Candidates for Office All Ready for the Trip to Maine To-day.

BEVERLY, Mass., July 17.—President Taft is not going to draw any platform for use at Republican State conventions this fall. He has no desire to figure as the dictator of party policies and will not assume the authority of a writer in chief of these more or less important documents.

Neither does the President intend to become the arbiter in factional fights and he will not attempt to select men for office as Administration candidates.

The President made it clear to friends to-day that if platforms were to be drawn by Republicans informing his administration he preferred that they be drawn in conformity with what "he has done and what he has said," as one man phrased it.

Mr. Taft expressed the belief that in most cases delegates to State conventions possessed a sufficient interest and intelligence to draw platforms that suited them. He let it be known that he had not given an out and out endorsement of the Ohio platform that Senator Charles Dick and Wade H. Ellis brought up here on Friday.

He did take a brief look at some of the notes that the Senator and the Republican State chairman carried, but that was about all. The Senator and Mr. Ellis were of the opinion after seeing the President that their platform would serve as a model for other conventions. The President did not repudiate this assertion to callers to-day, but he did let it be known that he would not bother with other platforms.

Former Governor John F. Hill, acting chairman of the Republican national committee, and Byron Boyd, chairman of the Maine Republican State committee, motored down to Beverly from Augusta to do a bit of missionary work at Burgess Point to-day. After some parleying with Secretary Norton while the President and Mrs. Taft were at church they were taken out to the Evans cottage.

The President promised them to make three shore visits in Maine on the trip north which begins to-morrow. One is to be at Eastport Tuesday, the second at Bangor on Saturday and the third at Rockland on the 27th.

To get to Bangor the President will take a special train from Bar Harbor. He will stop at each of these towns only an hour, but the Maine politicians are hoping that he will do some political talking.

There isn't any great factional fight in Maine, it was said to-night, but the Democrats are battling hard for victory in the fall and if Mr. Taft could find time to make a rousing speech or two it might help out immensely and have a great moral effect on the voters.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Judge Reynolds Kinkade of Toledo, Ohio, were two other visitors at the Taft cottage this afternoon who talked politics. Judge Kinkade at one time was mentioned as a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. At present he is said to be out of the race. Mr. Lodge was talking about State affairs.

Friends of Mr. Taft reiterated to-day the statement that he is out of the campaign in Ohio. Senator Burton is coming to see him to-morrow morning, but it was plainly indicated that no settlement was to be reached here as to candidates for the Governorship.

Senator Dick and Wade H. Ellis are still hovering in the offing, but they are not likely to be at to-morrow's conference.

The personnel of the party which will go north on the Mayflower to-morrow was made public to-night. Here is the list. The President, Mrs. Taft, Master Charlie Taft, Horace D. Taft, Mrs. Louis T. More, a sister of Mrs. Taft, and Prof. More, Secretary to the President C. D. Norton, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Winthrop, Miss Mabel Boardman, Capt. A. W. Butt, N. P. Webster and James Sloan, Jr.

Announcement was made at the executive office to-night that President Taft was much pleased with the reception given to Secretary